

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A rubber tread in particular for tires, comprising:

a plurality of elements in relief (1) comprising lateral faces (13, 14, 15, 16) and one contact face (2) intended to be in contact along a surface with the roadway during travel of a tire provided with said tread, the limit of the surface of contact of the contact face (2) with the ground forming at least one ridge (23, 24, 25, 26),

a plurality of cutouts (3, 4) in the form of grooves and/or incisions, said cutouts (3, 4) being defined by facing lateral faces (13, 15), (14, 16),

each tread pattern element (1) being formed with at least one first rubber mix (referred to as "base mix"),

~~this tread being characterised in that wherein~~, viewed in section in a plane containing the thickness of this tread, at least one face defining at least one cutout is covered at least in part with a second rubber mix, referred to as "covering mix", this part ~~consisting of~~ having covering mix extending when new over a height H_r at least equal to 30% of the height H of the face, wherein at least one base mix opens on to the contact face when new or at the latest after wear at most equal to 10% of the height H_r, said covering mix comprising a butyl rubber, and ~~in that wherein~~ the covering mix comprises a plasticiser of the unsaturated C₁₂-C₂₂ fatty acid ester type.

2. (Currently amended) A tread according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the amount of ester is between 5 and 80 phr, preferably between 10 and 50 phr.

3. (Currently amended) A tread according to claim 1, one of Claims 1 or 2, characterised in that wherein the fatty acid ester is a glycerol trioleate.

4. (Currently amended) A tread according to Claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the amount of glycerol trioleate is between 15 and 30 phr.

5. (Currently amended) A tread according to claim 1, one of Claims 1 to 4, characterised in that wherein the covering mix comprises more than 15 phr, preferably more than 30 phr (parts by weight per hundred parts of elastomer) of butyl rubber.

6. (Currently amended) A tread according to Claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the covering mix comprises from 50 to 100 phr of butyl rubber.

[[8]] 7. (Currently amended) A tread according to claim 1, one of Claims 1 to 7, characterised in that wherein the base mix is devoid of butyl rubber.

[[9]] 8. (Currently amended) The use of a tread according to claim 1 any one of Claims 1 to 8 for the manufacture or retreading of tires.

[[10]] 9. (Currently amended) A tire comprising a tread according to claim 1 any one of Claims 1 to 8.